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CHAPMAN-SINOWAY, PITCH PINES, & QUINNIPIAC STATE PARK

North Haven, CT

The 35-acre Chapman Sinoway Park was dedicated in 1978 and is a combination of town purchases and gifts of land from both the Chapman and Sinoway families. The property was originally used as farm land. Mr. Sinoway created the pond which can be fished and is used for the annual town fishing derby. A mixture of oaks and pine trees can be seen on the property.

The Pitch Pines Park Trail surrounds the Park's pond. The Park is known for its abundance of Pitch Pines, a hardy pine that is common throughout the Northeast, but extremely rare in Connecticut. The tree can be identified by tufts of needles that are produced from the trunk. Black Cherry, Red and Black Oak, Red and Silver Maple, and Willows can also be seen throughout the park.

The Quinnipiac River Trail is a natural trail in the floodplain along the river bank that is best seasonally hiked during the late fall through winter, as it is quite wet and muddy during the rest of the year. The open flood plain allows for unobstructed and spectacular views of the river. The Quinnipiac State Park was created in the 1940s when the Wilbur Cross Parkway was constructed and cut off these former agricultural lands from other adjacent sites.

The Park provides excellent bird watching opportunities, in addition to other wildlife viewing, and is a state-regulated hunting area. Contact the state for more information about hunting at this site. The trail on the right bank within the Quinnipiac River State Park is also part of the CT Forest and Parks Association Blue Blazed Trail that extends into the Sleeping Giant Trail System in Hamden.



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North Haven is host to 300 undisturbed acres of wetlands and a walking trail in the Quinnipiac State Park along the Quinnipiac River. The word 'Quinnipiac' is derived from the Algonquin term meaning 'long water land' - a likely reference to the river's extensive estuary system. The Quinnipiac River is one of the region's most important natural resources.

Directions and Parking:

Chapman-Sinoway Park is accessed off Upper State Street via either the Hartford Turnpike or Bishop Street (Route 22) from the Wilbur Cross Parkway or I-91.

Pitch Pines Park is accessed off Bradley Street via Washington Avenue (Route 5).

The Quinnipiac State Park Trail is accessed off Banton Street off State Street via Bishop Street (Route 22)

Permitted Activities:

Hiking and picnicking is available at all sites with tables available at Chapman-Sinoway. Fishing is available at Chapman-Sinoway. The Quinnipiac State Park allows canoeing and kayaking and hunting with a state-permit.

For more information about these locations, contact:

North Haven Dept. of Public Works
(203) 239-5321, ext. 750 or
DEP State Parks Division
(860) 424-3200

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